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MONITORING DEVICES
EMBODYING SUCH MEDIUMS

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

The following is being submitted in response to the final Office Action dated 17 October 2006 from Examiner Richard A. Smith of Art Unit 2859 in a good faith effort to place the application in better condition for allowance or appeal.

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STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-43 are pending.

Claims 3-7, 9, 20-24, 26, and 36-43 have been objected to for informalities.

Claims 1 and 18 have been rejected under 35 USC 102.

Claims 2-17 and 19-43 have been rejected under 35 USC 103.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND FEE

A separate 1-month Petition for an Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action up to and including today, 17 February 2006, is enclosed, along with the petition fee of \$120.00 for a large entity.

NO EXCESS CLAIMS FEE

Applicant paid the filing fee for forty-three (43) total claims and three (3) independent claims. As a result of the current Response, there are forty-two (42) total claims and three (3) independent claims. Therefore, no excess claims fee is necessary.